

## House Resolution No. 410

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize Dave Phillips, an esteemed resident of St. Charles, Missouri, who has been selected for induction into the 2004 Missouri Sports Hall of Fame; and

**Whereas**, Dave Phillips became one of the youngest umpires in league history when he signed a contract to umpire with Major League Baseball in 1970, a career that would span an incredible thirty-two years until his retirement in 2001; and

**Whereas**, selected to represent Major League Baseball during a seventeen-game trip to Japan in 1981, Dave Phillips worked four World Series, two All-Star Games, and seven League Championship Series; and

**Whereas**, some of the most memorable moments in the career of Dave Phillips as an umpire include ejecting Missouri Sports Hall of Famer Gaylord Perry, and working the 1982 World Series, in which the St. Louis Cardinals beat the Milwaukee Brewers; and

**Whereas**, a native of Jennings who officiated high school basketball games as a young man, Dave Phillips entered umpiring school in 1964 and went on to serve in the Midwest and Texas leagues for three years before spending four years with the International League; and

**Whereas**, the author of Center Field on Fire, Dave Phillips is a highly sought-after public speaker who looks forward to hosting a radio show with author Rob Rains on KMOX in St. Louis on Sunday afternoons following Cardinals games; and

**Whereas**, Dave Phillips has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include his devoted wife, Sharon; his three children, Kim, Jill, and Randy; and his five grandchildren:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Dave Phillips at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction, and in wishing him only the very best of success in all his future endeavors; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for 2004 Missouri Sports Hall of Fame inductee, Dave Phillips.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Joe Smith  
District No. 14

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 410, adopted February 5, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker